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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 13, 14 and 24 as shown below. Inserted claims 17, 18, 19 and 24 are to be

Listing of Claims

Amendments

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method for raising funds comprising:

(a) providing to an entity, by a provider of columbaria burial structures, a storage and display case, wherein said storage and display case comprises a plurality of spaces for housing a single or a plurality of cremation storage vessels in each space; and

(b) selling said spaces to donors who desire cremation upon their death by an entity for raising funds through the sale of said spaces, wherein said donors are associated with said entity; and

(c) positioning said storage and display case at a location associated with said entity for display of the cremation storage vessels housed therein.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said provider provides the storage and display case to said entity for free in return for a portion of revenue from sales of said spaces.

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising said provider having an agreement with said entity that a specified portion of funds raised through said selling of said spaces revert to said provider.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said selling of said spaces further comprises:

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- (a) said donor reserving said space for storage of cremation storage vessels for X amount of money paid to said entity; ~~amount of money paid to said entity~~
- (b) said donor paying said entity Y amount of money per period of time until the total amount of money paid by donor to said entity equals X amount of money ~~and donor stored~~ and
- (c) said entity paying said provider a pre-determined percentage of said money paid to said entity by said donor.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said storage and display case comprises one of a wall-mounted burial columbarium, an outdoor burial columbarium, a veteran's memorial plaque, and a memento casket.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said entity comprises one of a religious institution, an academic institution, a military institution, a veteran's organization, a private club, a fraternal organization and a community organization.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said entity is a non profit institution.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said storage and display case is located on said entity's property.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said cremation storage vessels contain ashes of deceased living beings.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said ashes of deceased living beings are of deceased living beings associated with said entity.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising associating said entities with a cremation society to enable said entities to assist family members of said deceased living beings with ritual obligations associated with death.

13. (Currently amended) A method of raising funds and storing and displaying in a secure fashion a variable plurality of cremation storage vessels comprising:

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- * (a) a provider of columbaria providing a storage and display case to an entity, wherein said storage and display case has locations for retaining in a secure fashion a plurality of cremation storage vessels, the storage and display case comprising:
- i) a plurality of hollow cavities, each hollow cavity having an opening on a front face thereof;
 - ii) boundary members within said cavities for defining interior storage and display positions for said cremation storage vessels and other personal memorabilia;
 - iii) storage vessel retainers disposed adjacent to the display positions for securing vessels disposed in those display positions;
 - iv) a decorative face block, configured to be connected with and substantially aligned against said front face of said cavities;
- (b) reserving and selling said cavities by said entity to donors; and
- (c) said provider receiving a specified portion of funds raised by said entity through said selling of said cavities; and
- (d) displaying said storage and display case at a location associated with said entity for display of the cremation storage vessels housed therein.

14. (Currently amended) A method of raising funds and storing and displaying in a secure fashion a variable plurality of cremation storage vessels comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a burial columbarium to an entity by a provider, wherein said burial columbarium has means for retaining in a secure fashion a variable plurality of cremation storage vessels, said burial columbarium comprising:
- i) a plurality of rectangular hollow cavities, each having an opening on a front face thereof;
 - ii) a plurality of decorative face blocks, wherein each of said face blocks is attachable to said front surface of said cavities;

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- (b) reserving and selling said cavities to donors by said entity, said donor and cavity
donors desiring cremation upon their death; and ~~and~~ displaying cremation upon their death; and
- (c) said provider and said entity agreeing that a specified portion of
funds raised through said selling of said cavities revert to said provider; and
- (d) displaying the burial columbarium on the property of said entity so
as to honor the donors whose remains are contained in the cremation storage vessels
retained in the burial columbarium.

15. (Withdrawn) A wall-mountable burial columbarium structure comprising:

- (a) a plurality of niches having adjacent top, bottom, side and back walls and an opening formed in a front surface of said niches, said opening providing access into a hollow cavity substantially horizontally disposed within said niches;
- (b) a plurality of decorative face blocks covering said openings;
- (c) means for connecting said face block against and substantially aligned with said front surface;
- (d) means for securely storing cremation vessels inside said niches, wherein said cremation vessels house ashes of deceased living beings inside said niches; and
- (e) means for mounting said burial columbarium structure on a wall of a building.

16. (Withdrawn) The burial columbarium structure of claim 15, wherein the means for mounting said burial columbarium structure on a wall are preferably on a back side of the back panel of said plurality of niches.

17. (Withdrawn) The burial columbarium structure of claim 15, wherein the means for mounting said burial columbarium structure on a wall are hidden when said burial columbarium structure is mounted on a wall.

18. (Withdrawn) The burial columbarium structure of claim 15, wherein the means for mounting said burial columbarium structure on a wall is a hook and

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19. (Withdrawn) The burial columbarium structure of claim 15, further comprising said cremation vessels for storing the ashes of deceased living beings.

20. (Withdrawn) A wall mounted burial columbarium structure comprising:

- (a) a plurality of niches having adjacent top, bottom, side and back walls and an opening formed in a front surface of said niches, said opening providing access into a hollow cavity substantially horizontally disposed within said niches;
- (b) a plurality of decorative face blocks covering said openings;
- (c) means for connecting said face block against and substantially aligned with said front surface;
- (d) means for securely storing cremation vessels inside said niches, wherein said cremation vessels house ashes of deceased living beings;
- (e) means for mounting said burial columbarium structure on a wall of a building; and
- (f) an ornamental structure around a portion of said plurality of niches.

21. (Withdrawn) The burial columbarium of claim 20, wherein a crest or other distinguishing mark of an entity is placed on a surface of said ornamental structure.

22. (Withdrawn) The burial columbarium of claim 20, wherein letters and words are placed on a surface of said ornamental structure.

23. (Withdrawn) The burial columbarium of claim 20, wherein said ornamental structure is shaped in classical designs, preferably Grecian or Roman designs.

24. (Currently amended) A method of raising funds and storing and displaying in a secure fashion a variable plurality of cremation storage vessels comprising:

- (a) an entity obtaining a storage and display case from a provider of columbaria, wherein said storage and display case has locations for retaining in a secure fashion a plurality of cremation storage vessels, the storage and display case comprising:

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- i) a plurality of hollow cavities, each hollow cavity having an opening on a front face thereof;
 - ii) boundary members within said cavities for defining interior storage and display positions for said cremation storage vessels and other personal memorabilia;
 - iii) storage vessel retainers disposed adjacent to the display positions for securing vessels disposed in those display positions;
 - iv) a decorative face block, configured to be connected with and substantially aligned against said front face of said cavities;
- (b) reserving and selling said cavities by said entity to donors to raise funds, said donors desiring cremation upon their death; and
- (c) said entity paying said provider a specified portion of funds raised by said entity through selling of said cavities; and
- (d) displaying by said entity the storage and display case at a location associated with said entity for memorializing the donors who have purchased cavities in the storage and display case and whose remains are stored therein.

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